

Now painfully in one of our recurring periods of unrest, insecurity and revolt...

...usually associated with basic political, economic or social change ..as well as with unpopular wars (Civil War riots)

Today represents a day in the transition era of one of the greatest periods of change in man's history:

Politically - a cold war to the death between Democracy on the one hand, and Communist totalitarianism on the other.... with the black shadow of Fascism hovering in the background

....and a Hot War, that is perhaps the most unpopular and threatening in our turbulent history (Threatening: Tiger by the tail; hold on until world-wide holocaust, or let go and lose face)

Socially

Economically - Transition from hand power to steam to electricity -- now to nuclear power, and the cruel impersonality of a computer civilization

Militarily - Sudden transition from a period when violent-minded men could glorify WAR, and fit their patriotism into a prideful belligerence which today dares not permit. The thought of total destruction as the immediate result of hostility coupled with poor judgment and hasty action, has shaken our whole system of values, and polarized our nation on all fronts. So, we seek security in a mad round of escalated armament programs, each round bringing us nearer Armageddon, and to a deeper sense of insecurity & fear.

Socially - The have-nots, spurred by much greater awareness of their difference in treatment and status and promise, through undreamed of facility in communication, have grown restless to the point of revolt - - and among the have-nots are the nation's youth who have no voice in making war, determining economic policy, shaping the course of their own education, predicting their future on the basis of rapid change. The older generation has been told, in its quest for better communication and better learning methods, that "one picture is worth 10,000 words" ; today's communication feeds millions of pictures, in addition to the words, even to those who do not partake in the benefits pictured, but who do have to endure the miseries pictured.

All these forces are ^{superficial} working to the roots the comfortable patterns which our ^{material} culture, our ^{unwritten} traditions and our religions had assured us were unassailable - they are holding up for critical examination the system of values by which our past society has guided itself, as it travelled a slower and less threatening pace; they are causing grave doubt to enter the minds of those who have never had an opportunity to live by those values, to taste of the promised freedom, to realize the disciplinary roles the system provided for those who "Had"

All these forces have produced two major Revolutions with which we must wrestle:

1. That against "the week (year, era) that was"...because it has failed to produce for those in revolt, the good life, the safety and economic and political security all men demand for themselves.

2. ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{rising} ~~rising~~ Expectations - because each technological advance brought with it the implicit promise of personal advance in comfort, security, happiness - - meaning in turn a greater advance in wish and appetite for the better or more desirable things of life. Instead, the gulf between the "Have's" and "Have Not's" has grown wider, deeper and more clearly unbridgeable.

Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake" when informed of the breadlessness of the French masses, was a forerunner of the current "Let them get off relief and go to work" remarks of the uninformed, thoughtless middle-class American who, himself, is but a step ahead of the relief role.

Of such stuff are revolutions made!

Particularly do these things apply to our Majority-Minority relations where poverty is rife - where the ultimate degree of "Have Not" deprivation is chronic.

Minorities: Spanish speaking - Indian - Youth - Negro

(Even in the Hawaiian "Utopia" - the native Hawaiian - in Alaska the native Aleuts, Indians, Eskimos and Negroes)

Minorities: a. Visibility - Numbers - Threats -
 b. History of Contact - Assimilability - Communication
 c. EXPLOITATION - Minority Reaction - Majority Backlash
 Here the nine points in a vicious cycle

There has to be a reason for this repetition of pattern in America - "Land of the Free" - its system of "Free Enterprise" and "Free Competition"

....all being illusions if you happen to be among the 30 million or more Americans caught in this bind

They say: "Natural inferiority" - yet science and examples say "No"

"Lazy and lacking initiative" - yet the long history of labor exploitation, physical and mental hunger, assaults upon personal dignity are known to have destructive results, when inflicted upon any human being. *intellectually, physically, spiritually*

Ferment and demands for Negro History, Black culture, etc. etc.

Just a few: Daniel Hale Williams M.D. Human Heart

Dr. Charles Drew, Blood plasma and blood banks

Dr. Matthew Hinton, improvement upon Wasserman blood testing

Jan Matzeliger (shoe last) Elijah McCoy (machine lub)

Last night: So. Woman + glorification of slavery "Christianization - Family type"

But the Nature of Prejudice blocks out such smatterings of information - and keeps blocked out anything that will disturb the comfort of "feeling superior".

Nature of Prejudice:

Custom - atmosphere in which one grows and lives (Habit or "Tradition")

Miseducation & Misinformation (to keep alive that which was)

Fear & Insecurity (even today, the debt we must pay produces even more fear) "backlash" we call it.

EXPLOITATION - the end result of the foregoing combination;
 Keep slaves ignorant, poor, dependent for control; but perpetually fear any chance of their escape!

See Gordon Allport "Nature of Prejudice" - other references

Minorities: 1/6 of Pop - over 30 million: 2x Unemployment
 Visibility - Numbers - Threats 4 x Youth
 Assimilability - Communication 60% 20% - Making 5%
 Median Income 1/2
 Exploitation - Reaction - Backlash

Vicious Cycle!

